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The Articles of Confederation: The Challenge of Sovereignty

Listed below are a series of facts about the Articles of Confederation. First, explain the significance of each term. Then, examine the list, divide the items into three or four categories, and label the categories. Finally, write a thematic sentence that states or implies a relationship among the categories.

Facts about the Articles of Confederation

- a. no separate executive
- b. Northwest Ordinances of 1784, 1785, and 1787
- c. one vote per state
- d. no federal courts
- e. Shays' Rebellion
- f. British retention of forts in Northwest
- g. no regulation of interstate commerce
- h. boundary disputes between states
- i. no power to tax
- j. states taxed each other's goods
- k. kept the states together
- l. Treaty of Paris, 1783
- m. federal aid to education (Northwest Ordinance, 1785)
- n. no national currency
- o. members often failed to attend Congress
- p. inability to protect settlers from Indians
- q. Barbary pirates raided shipping
- r. inability to repay French loans
- s. Spain's denial of right of deposit at New Orleans
- t. little trade with Britain